Conference will be held at 1030, City Hall Rm 109.







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NEWS CONFERENCE 10:30 A.M. TODAY (DUE TO HOLIDAY, THIS IS THE ONLY TIME INTERVIEWS AND INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE)

For further information, contact: Rachel Anderson, Public Information Specialist, at 682-5197, or Melinda Kletzok, Public Information Director, at 682-5124

EUGENE POLICE IDENTIFY BANK ROBBERY SUSPECT - SEEK PUBLIC'S HELP

Eugene Police detectives have identified a suspect in three Eugene Bank Robberies and surprisingly the suspect has been on national television.

Joshua Tel Warner, age 23, who appeared as a crewmember aboard the "Wizard" on Discovery Channel's "Deadliest Catch," is wanted for the October 19, 2007 robbery of Washington Mutual Bank at 2840 Willamette Street, the April 3, 2009, robbery of Pacific Continental bank at 1450 High Street, and the August 28, 2009, robbery of the same Pacific Continental Bank.

Warner's date of birth is June 29, 1986. He is a white male, 6'1", weighing approximately 185-195 pounds. He has an unknown tattoo on his right thigh.

Warner was accompanied by a second male during the most recent robbery. Police have identified the second suspect but an arrest warrant is being sought prior to publicly naming him.

Warner, a former Oakridge resident, is aware that police are looking for him. He has likely fled the local area and may have gone to the east coast. There are also concerns he may try to flee to Canada or Mexico.

Warner came to national attention during the 2008-2009 Alaskan King Crab season featured on the Discovery Channel's "Deadliest Catch." He was a "green-horn" deckhand aboard the "Wizard" where his actions and confrontations with deckhands and the captain made him well known to the show's followers.

Prior to fishing in Alaska, Warner was a Dungeness Crab fisherman on the Oregon coast and a wildland firefighter.

Anyone with information about Warner's whereabouts is asked to contact their local police department or Detective Jeff Donaca of the Eugene Oregon Police Department at (541) 682-5193. Also, anyone with additional information about the robberies or other crimes involving Warner and his accomplice is asked to contact Detective Donaca.

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